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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A SCSI message manipulation circuit in a SCSI

expander detects a specified SCSI message from either a

SCSI initiator, or a SCSI target. After detecting the
specified SCSI message, the SCSI message manipulation
circuit detects a pre-selected message-unit, e.g., a
specific byte, within the message. Upon detecting the
pre-selected message unit, the SCSI message
manipulation circuit sets a pre-selected sub-unit,
e.g., a bit, within the pre-selected message-unit to a
state, which is programmable, as the SCSI message
passes through the SCSI expander.